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VOTING OF \$50,000 OF HOSPITAL BONDS URGED BY PETITION

Dr. J. E. Dodson Says Many People Died During Recent Epidemic of Influenza Because There Was No Adequate Place to Care for Them—Thinks Issue Will Carry.

A petition is being circulated among the property taxpaying voters of Wilbarger county asking for an election to determine whether \$50,000 in bonds will be issued for the erection of a county hospital.

Dr. J. E. Dodson recently wrote a communication to The Record advocating the erection of a county hospital as a memorial to the Wilbarger soldiers who lost their lives in the Great War. Since then the proposal has met with much encouragement and it is believed that the time is propitious for launching the campaign.

The need of such an institution was keenly felt in Vernon during the influenza epidemic. Nurses could not be obtained at any price, owing to the prevalence of the disease throughout the United States and Dr. Dodson says that many people died for lack of proper nursing.

It was no uncommon occurrence for every member of a family to be ill at one time, and especially among the poor people there was much unnecessary suffering and death because of crowded quarters and improper nursing.

One doctor reported the case of the family of a working man in Vernon recently, in which there were six members of the family sick at one time and all of them occupied beds in the same room.

It is pointed out that with a county hospital, such cases could be cared for properly. One nurse can look after twenty patients in a hospital as easily as one or two can be cared for in the average private home.

It is highly desirable also that in treating infectious diseases, such as influenza the patients be segregated. This is impossible in a private home, especially where some member of the family must do the nursing.

Dr. Dodson says these considerations are appealing to people since their experience of the past few months, and he is confident the bond issue will carry.

TO REPORT ON DUMPING GROUND

City Commission Will Hear Committee Report and Transact Routine Business at 2 O'Clock.

The regular monthly meeting of the City Commission will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Besides the transaction of routine business the question of the enforcement of sewer connections will probably be brought up.

The committee appointed some time ago to see about removing the dumping ground from its present location on the river near the road leading north from Vernon will report. The work of this committee has been delayed by the inclemency of the weather and not until recently has it been able to look for a better location. The committee has one or two places in mind but nothing definite has been done.

W. M. THOMPSON TRADES CITY PROPERTY FOR 279-ACRE FARM

W. M. Thompson, a local real estate dealer closed a trade with J. R. Moore last week, whereby he becomes owner of the latter's farm of 279 acres, north of the Peace River. The consideration was \$19,500.

Several pieces of city property were transferred to Mr. Moore, including fifteen acres adjoining the city in Southeast Vernon, and two houses and lots in East Vernon. The residence occupied by J. T. Oates in East Vernon is a part of the trade and will be occupied by Mr. Moore.

The farm will be worked by O. Capehart and one of Mr. Thompson's sons.

Thompson School Suspended.

School in the Thompson district has been suspended temporarily on account of the illness of their teacher, Miss Gladys Thompson. Miss Thompson is stricken with influenza.

PRUNING GREATEST NEED PEACH TREES HAVE, SAYS EXPERT

Representative of United States Department of Agriculture Gives Demonstration of Surgical Treatment Necessary for Trees Badly Sun Scalded—Trees Grow Too Much Wood.

Pruning is the greatest need of peach trees in this county, according to C. J. Foster, expert in entomology, sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture. Mr. Foster gave a demonstration at the orchard of J. P. Bennett yesterday morning.

His reason for suggesting pruning as the most important single need of peach trees is three-fold. In the first place, Mr. Foster suggests pruning because of the prevailing winds. Pruning heads a tree out close to the ground, and in an orchard so headed the trees help to protect each other.

In the second place, a peach tree tends to grow about two or three times as much wood as it needs for the best fruit production. When a great deal of excess wood is produced the energy of the tree is required for furnishing food to this wood fiber, and for producing a small amount of new growth out at the end of long limbs.

In the third place, the peaches grow out at the end of these limbs, making them hard to get, and increasing the likelihood of the tree breaking under an unusually heavy crop. All of these objections are removed by pruning.

Again, Mr. Foster urged that the trees be trimmed to branch out symmetrically, with not more than five main limbs, at most, coming from the trunk close to the ground. Then these will tend to shade the wood, and prevent sun scald during hot weather.

Many of the trees in Mr. Bennett's orchard were suffering from the effects of sun scald, and Mr. Foster cut them back close to the ground, removing some limbs two and three inches in diameter. These trees will put out next year, and bear fruit year after next.

Urges Going After Borer.

Mr. Foster urged persons interested in growing orchards to go after the borer, as the most destructive enemy of peach trees, next to failure to prune. He showed where the borer gets in the tree just below the ground line, and suggested that in the fall a basin be scraped out around the tree two or three inches deep, into which the water and snow will drain during the fall and winter, helping to prevent the borer from getting into the tree, and also tending to retard the tree the following spring, thus frequently preventing the killing of fruit by an early frost.

It is a relatively easy matter to dig the borers out around the base of the trunk of peach trees, Mr. Foster told his audience. While the task might seem endless, men do it who have commercial orchards amounting to as much as a hundred acres.

Cultivation of an orchard after the fruit has been picked is very necessary, according to the Government man. This is true because a tree tends to go dormant soon after the fruit is removed if it is not cultivated. It sets its fruit buds before going dormant in the fall, and by plowing after picking the fruit the period of going dormant is delayed. This permits the setting of more fruit buds, and the longer a tree is prevented from going dormant, the later will it become active next spring—again tending to prevent killing by late frost.

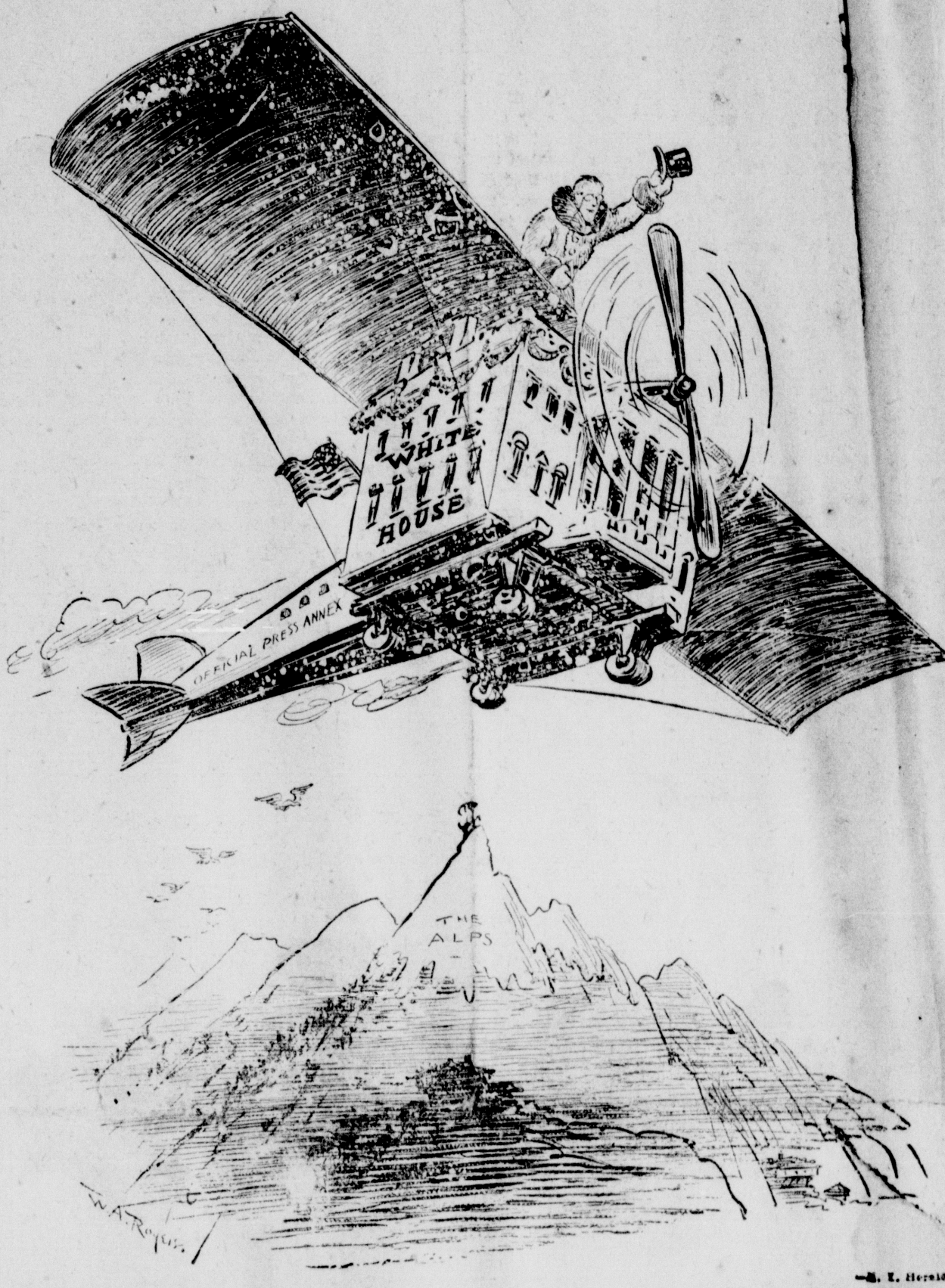
Spraying Gives Tree Vigor.

Mr. Foster gave a demonstration of spraying, using a sulfur-lime solution, one part to eight parts of water. This will keep off disease, and tend to give a tree renewed vigor. Mr. Foster thinks this remedy is well adapted to growing fruit, but finds a great many orchards that have been neglected.

The care he advises will prolong the life of an orchard two or three times the period it is ordinarily productive, the demonstrator explained, and it will produce fruit of a much better grade than if it is not attended to properly. When an orchard is properly pruned, sprayed, and cultivated, Mr. Foster says it should remain productive until the trees are more than twenty years old.

The entomological expert went from Vernon to Crowell. He came here from Jacksboro, carrying his spraying outfit, and tools for pruning and dehorning trees in a Ford car.

BREAKING ALL PRECEDENTS



W. S. LUNDY AWAY WHEN HOME BURNS

LOSS RESULTING FROM SATURDAY NIGHT FIRE \$12,500—PARTIALLY INSURED.

W. S. Lundy's home was the second on South Main street to burn within a week. The other was the bungalow occupied by J. L. Crawford, which was destroyed Monday of last week. Mr. Lundy's home was destroyed Saturday night.

The alarm was turned in shortly after 8 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Lundy left about 4 o'clock to go to the home of her brother, near Margaret. The house was locked.

Almo Ladd was passing the house, when an explosion occurred, and a tongue of flame shot through the roof. By the time the fire company reached the scene the back part of the house had burned on the inside, and the flames seemed to have eaten into every part of the house between the ceiling and roof.

Four chairs, a mahogany table, and Mrs. Lundy's big Edison, together with a few other articles of furniture were saved. While practically none of the furniture was incinerated, it was so blistered by the heat and damaged by water that it is ruined.

Mr. Lundy places the loss of building and furniture at \$12,500, with insurance on the house to the amount of \$5,000, and \$2,500 on the furniture. He expects to rebuild at once. The foundation and floor timbers of the house were not damaged, and will reduce the cost of reconstruction.

Auto Tax Penalty on Tomorrow.

A great many more of the auto owners are coming in to pay their state auto tax, but Deputy Collector R. V. Parr says that a large per cent of the cars of the county are yet without license to run. He calls attention to the fact that the days of grace will be up tomorrow and that he intends to begin to exact the penalty after the 15th, as was announced through the Record a few days ago. The penalty will be one-fourth of the State tax due.

ONE WOMAN PAYS POLL TAX IN CITY

SECRETARY HALL SAYS WOMEN IN VERNON MUST PAY BOTH ASSESSMENTS.

Mrs. J. S. Cook is the only woman in Vernon who has paid her city poll tax. City Secretary Hall urges that the same law governing the voting of men residing within the city limits is applicable to the women. Those who vote at the Vernon boxes must have both the state and the city poll tax receipts. There seems to be some misunderstanding about this as several of the women within the city voting districts have paid their state poll tax who have not paid their city tax.

Poll tax paying among the men is extremely slow. Although there remains only fifteen more days in which taxes may be paid approximately ninety per cent of the poll taxes of the county remain unpaid. Only about seventeen per cent of the city poll taxes have been paid. To be exact, 219 poll tax receipts have been issued from the county collector's office and ninety-eight from the city office.

Following is a list of tax receipts and the districts for which they were issued: West Vernon 69, East Vernon 68, Oklaunion 21, Harrold 26, Ronda 2, Mack 9, Lockett 39, Highland 36, Tolbert 43, Odell 47, Doans 14, Hinds 12, Hancey 13, Guyer 12, Fargo 25, Elliott 31, Farmers Valley 22.

Fixing Up Office Rooms.

T. M. Ferguson is fixing up two nice office rooms in the front of the second story of his building at 330 North Main street, occupied by the Pierce Oil Company. J. R. Jones will move his land office to one of these offices. It is not known who will occupy the other one.

Baby Addie Leta Doss Dead.

The body of little Addie Leta Doss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Doss of Tolbert, was shipped to Clarendon for burial Sunday afternoon. Baby Doss died Saturday afternoon as a result of influenza followed by pneumonia. The Record joins in sympathy for the bereaved family.

BANK BUILDING IS DAMAGED BY FIRE

OFFICE ROOMS ON SECOND FLOOR BURNED OUT EARLY YESTERDAY MORNING.

Two office rooms on the second floor were gutted, another office was badly damaged by smoke and water and the banking room was flooded with water as a result of a fire in the Farmers State Bank building at the corner of Main and Wilbarger streets, between 4 and 5 o'clock Monday morning. F. L. Massie, vice president of the bank, estimates the damage at from \$2,500 to \$5,000. Insurance was carried.

The fire started in the front rooms of the building on the second floor in offices occupied by Dr. Silas Ballard. He had a number of electrical appliances, and it is presumed that the blaze started from some of these. The extent of Dr. Ballard's loss will probably reach into the thousands. He was out of town yesterday and could not be seen.

Dr. Y. H. Babashin, dentist, occupies the rooms adjoining the offices of Dr. Ballard. Smoke and water did considerable damage to the furnishings of his office.

The fire company responded to the alarm and soon had the flames under control. Those first to reach the burning building thought it would be impossible to save the structure.

Colley With Shamburger Again.

Hubbard Colley returned Friday night from the Naval Training Station at San Diego, Calif. He has an honorable discharge. Mr. Colley has resumed his position as manager for C. D. Shamburger. Robert Wilson, who has been manager in the absence of Mr. Colley, will remain with the business.

Moves Back to Wilbarger.

H. S. Arnold has moved to Wilbarger county after spending Hereford. Mr. Arnold is a number of years before the plains country. He has resided about six miles southwest

BOURLAND IS NAMED PRESIDENT COUNTY FAIR THIRD TIME

W. S. Lundy and Harry Mason Are Vice Presidents—E. T. Pope Secretary, and F. L. Massie Treasurer—Plan to Increase Loan on Property—Prizes Authorized.

A. M. Bourland was re-elected president of the Wilbarger County Fair Association at a meeting of the directors Saturday afternoon. W. S. Lundy was elected first vice president and Harry Mason, second vice president. E. T. Pope is secretary to the directors and F. L. Massie was chosen treasurer.

The date for this year's fair were not decided on. This matter will be left open until the directors meet next month to elect a managing secretary and pass on other business matters.

The directors will try to increase the loan on the land owned by the Association to provide funds for meeting outstanding obligations, and taking care of the running expenses of the Association until the fair is held this year. This action was authorized by the stockholders last week.

The county agent and the home demonstration agent were authorized to announce to the members of the boys' and girls' clubs that prizes will be offered again this year. It is possible that boys and girls making the best records in the club work will be given free trips to the Dallas State Fair, but definite action on this was deferred.

W. S. Lundy, E. T. Pope and R. H. Coffey were appointed a committee to have charge of the grounds and plant of the Association.

N. R. Heath asked that the directors consider his resignation as a member of the board on account of his duties as chairman of the Liberty Loan committee. The directors took no action on Mr. Heath's request further than to postpone a decision until the next meeting.

The directors will hold monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 2 p. m.

SAM NAPIER HEADED BOUND.

Vernon Boy Had Not Been Heard From Since October 30—Was in English Hospital.

Sam Napier is in Newport News, Va., and on his way home according to a telegram received from him Saturday by his brother, J. M. Napier. This is the first word that has been heard from Mr. Napier since he went overseas, the latter part of September, with the exception of one short note written on October 30th, at which time he was in the hospital at Liverpool, England, suffering with pneumonia. Relatives and friends here have been very uneasy as to his welfare and efforts have been made to obtain information concerning his condition but to no avail.

The wire from Newport was a surprise, as well as a relief to all. It simply stated that the Vernon boy had landed and was on his way home. He was in the 127th Field Artillery and will probably be sent to Camp Travis to be discharged.

Mr. Napier left home on the 26th of September, going to Camp Travis. He left for overseas on October 26th.

FEWER WEDDINGS DURING 1918.

Records Show Only 109 Licenses Issued as Against 483 in Year 1917.

It seems that the continued war and dry weather has had its effect in the matrimonial field as well as in other fields. Only 109 couples entered the field of matrimony in Wilbarger county during the year of 1918, but this number was still further depleted last year when only 109 marriage licenses were issued.

Furthermore of the 109 permits to wed issued from the county clerk's office of Wilbarger county in 1918, fifteen went to non-residents, leaving a total of ninety-four weddings among the local people. There were six licenses issued to non-residents in 1917.

It is apparently evident, however, that times are an added inducement to seek matrimony. There were more than twice as many among negroes last year as in previous years. There were four negro licenses issued to negroes in 1918 during 1918.

EARLY NORWOOD ON SHIP THAT HE FOR TO MEET WILSON

Vernon Boy on Battleship Texas Comes Home on Furlough—Describes Experiences When German Fleet Surrendered and When Escort Went for President Wilson.

Early Norwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Norwood, arrived Sunday from the Brooklyn Navy Yards on a ten-day furlough. Mr. Norwood is in the United States Navy and sails on the Battleship Texas. His ship has been in the North Sea and waters around England for the last eleven months. They came across to the Brooklyn Navy Yards for repairs.

The Battleship Texas was one of the five American ships that took part in the surrender of the German fleet. Other American ships participating were the Florida, Wyoming, Arkansas, and the New York. In describing the great occasion Mr. Norwood says: "The American ships made up the sixth battle squadron. We formed in double line off the coast of Scotland in preparation for the meeting of the German fleet. The American squadron was about the center of the line to the right. The rest of the fleet was composed of French and English light cruisers, battle cruisers and battleships. The lines were six miles apart and I don't know how long they were. The heavy ships were in the center and the lighter ones at the ends. The fleet was in command of Admiral Commander-in-Chief David Beatty. He was on the flagship, Queen Elizabeth, and proceeded in the front center. We met the German fleet about fifty miles off the coast of Scotland and Admiral Beatty boarded the commanding ship of the surrendering fleet and received the sword and papers from the officer in command. He returned the side arms of the officer, however. We then turned around in formation and the German ships passed down between our lines. They were in single line formation. Then with a line three miles on either side of them and with every man at his post as though we expected to be fired on every minute we escorted them to the Firth of Forth, Scotland.

Allied Fleet in Review. "The Allied Fleet passed in review before Admiral Beatty when we reached the coast of Scotland. The German Fleet was taken on to Rosyth, Orkney Islands, and interned. It was an exciting experience indeed and most of us felt rather shaky. The German ships are powerful instruments of war, some of them carrying fifteen-inch guns and they are all well armored. They were found to be in bad condition, however, as most of them were rusty and had suffered from lack of care. The fleet surrendered was composed of fourteen battleships and seven light cruisers. One of the light cruisers struck one of their own mines on the way from Kiel Canal and was sunk. Another one of them was found to be in command of a petty deck officer. The crew had thrown their commander overboard for some cause or other."

The Vernon boy was stationed off the coast of Scotland for some time and frequently went to Edinburgh. He says that the Scotchmen subsist to a large extent on turnips and that, or something else, causes them all to have very bad teeth. "The English girls, however, have real pretty teeth and you like to look at them," Mr. Norwood continued.

The Battleship Texas was also one of the nine American ships that went out to meet the George Washington on which President Wilson went to France. The other ships were the New York, Arkansas, Wyoming, Florida, Utah, Arizona, Oklahoma and the Nevada. Describing this, Mr. Norwood says: "Upon meeting them we fired the Presidential salute of twenty-one guns and formed lines 500 yards on either side of the George Washington and the leading ship, Pennsylvania. There were destroyers and torpedo boats chasing around everywhere assisting in keeping guard. When we got within the three-mile limit at Brest a flotilla of French ships came out to meet us and took charge. We went on into the harbor and anchored but I didn't get to see the President. They had an officers'

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MORE'S TEATRE

TODAY—TUESDAY.

MARY MILES MINTER

Primary Climbs the Heights

A love story. A 2 reel Fox

BATTLE HOUSE TANGLE.

Mary Miles Minter

American-Mutual

WEDNESDAY.

ETHEL CLAYTON

in

The Mystery Girl.

A thrilling story of adventure.

Also funny Comedy.

THURSDAY.

Metro presents

EMMY WEHLEN in "The Bonded Wife."

Also Comedy.

FRIDAY—DOROTHY DALTON in "QUICKSANDS."

SATURDAY—PRISCILLA DEAN in "SHE HIRED A HUSBAND."

TO DISCUSS COTTON MARKETING OFFICE

S. F. HARRILL WILL TALK TO BUSINESS MEN AND FARMERS AT 2 O'CLOCK.

S. F. Harrill, of the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture will be in Vernon tomorrow to discuss with business men and farmers the question of placing a cotton classing office here. Twenty of these will be established under direction of the Extension Service of the A. & M. College and the Bureau of Markets.

Mr. Harrill will explain what is necessary in order to secure a marketing office for Vernon. He wants to talk to both business men and farmers at 2 o'clock in the courthouse.

County Agent N. R. Tisdal feels that it is important for local business men to take an interest in this matter, because if the office for classifying cotton is established here, it will tend to help the Vernon market a great deal. With such an arrangement, the man who grows good cotton can be sure of receiving very much more nearly what it is worth.

As the situation is now, foreign buyers discriminate against Vernon because so much cotton is grown here that has staple too short to be of commercial value. The factors tend to class all cotton from here with the poorest. With a marketing office here, this would be obviated to a large degree.

NINE STATES RATIFIED DRY AMENDMENT DURING WEEK

Washington, Jan. 14.—In the past week nine states have ratified the nationwide dry amendment, bringing the total to twenty-four.

In the next week, twelve more, enough for final ratification, are expected to take affirmative action and by the end of this month forty-one and possibly forty-three state legislatures will ratify it, drys anticipate.

Arkansas, Colorado, Idaho, West Virginia, Maine, Michigan, Ohio, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

The Senate's of California and Illinois also passed the amendment.

The only states, which, according to the drys, will not ratify are New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and perhaps Missouri and Illinois.

Although the dry amendment is not effective for a year after ratification by the thirty-sixth state, drys will seek to pass at this session of Congress a measure carrying stiff penalties for violation of the amendment and additional Federal machinery to hunt down violators.

Representative Barkley, of Kentucky, introduced a bill providing for a prohibition commission under the internal revenue commander.

Mrs. P. S. Brooks returned to her home in Kemp Saturday, after having visited relatives here for some time.

G. A. Works, at present located at Wichita Falls, where he is secretary of the Pierce Oil Company, was in Vernon Monday.

Miss Dorothy Thompson visited in Crowell Saturday and Sunday.

"THE DEVIL'S AUCTION" CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT.

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Phone 130

At the Theatre

Pictorium.

Today—One of the things that will always be interesting to the audience as well as to the future generation is the details of the operation of the German spy organizations before and after the war, and the German measures of the Allied Secret Service. A graph in "The Man Who Wouldn't Tell," presents a spy who is to deliver the goods. Earl Williams, the star in this play is as best as Hawtrey Burke, he plays the part of a young man who was denounced as a slacker by his sweetheart because he could not explain his work for the government.

Wednesday—Goldwyn presents poignant Madge Kennedy in "A Perfect Lady." In this play Miss Kennedy plays the part of Lucille Le Jambon, the leading lady of the Merry Models Burlesquers. The moral committee of Sycamore were all up in the air when they learned that such a show was coming to town. They succeeded in stopping Lucille in the middle of her performance but that did not run her away from the town. She proceeded to set up a dance hall. Again the moral committee got busy. The remainder of the story shows how Lucille was able to get pictures of the person dancing with chorus girls in a city and how she showed them in Sycamore. In the end she and the person are married.

Thursday—Faude Ward appears in "A Japanese Nightingale," an Oriental story of the love of a Japanese gentleman for an American girl. The plot deals with the contest between the wit and courage of an American and the cunning of an Oriental. Upsetting at one stroke the ancient Japanese conventions this sturdy American finally secures the girl of his choice. This story shows beyond doubt that love of a man for a girl is the same the world over. The Japanese scenes in this play are especially interesting.

More's.

Today—Miss Mary Miles Minter plays as a full fledged actress in this latest feature picture, "Rosemary Climbs the Heights." It is a Pathe and fully up to the Pathe standard. Playing the part of Rosemary Van Voort, a little unsophisticated country girl, Miss Minter is thrown into the vortex of New York's Bohemia and rapidly learns the difference between New York, N. Y. and Stuyvesant, N. Y. She is accused of murder and has all kinds of thrilling experiences.

Wednesday—George Barr McCutcheon's famous novel, "Green Fanny" is pictured in "The Mystery Girl." It is a story of an ambulance driver on the French front dealing with intrigue, diplomacy, love and war. Miss Ethel Clayton plays the part of a beautiful princess who turned soldier.

A CHILD'S TONGUE SHOWS IF LIVER OR BOWELS ARE ACTIVE

If Cross, Feverish, Sick, Bilious, Give Fruit Laxative At Once.

Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Syrup of Figs," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish or breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, Mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative," and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food passes out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. When its little system is full of cold, throat sore, has stomachache, diarrhea, indigestion, colic, remember, a good "inside cleaning" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggists for a bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled. Get the genuine, made by "California Fig Syrup Company."

and drove an ambulance. Miss Clayton plays the role of "Driver 477" and is in love with a soldier when suddenly circumstance arise that cause him to believe that she is a thief. But he doesn't desert her nor reform her but finds that he is mistaken.

Thursday—Metro presents "His Bombed Wife," a story of light society in New York City. Doris, the only daughter of a copper king, goes to Atlantic City under an assumed name to escape fortune hunters and there meets a clever architect. They immediately fall in love and Doris tells him that she is a clerk in a large department store. He later learns her true identity and refuses to marry her. Her father disowns her and they are happily married. How her craving for her former wealth brought about serious trouble and how everything ended happily is told in a most charming manner.

COMPLETE RADIO MESSAGE ENVELOPED ENTIRE EARTH

On October 1, 1918, the Marconi radio telegraph station at Carnarvon, Wales (England), established direct wireless communication with Sydney, Australia, a distance of 12,000 miles, says the Electrical Experimenter.

This is the first time that a complete radio message actually enveloped the entire earth in every direction. In other words, when the towers at Sydney in Australia were receiving that message the waves came in on it from every direction of the compass, as a moment's reflection will make clear. Furthermore, in addition, the waves actually tumbled onto the towers from the sky, as well as from beneath the towers, through the earth—a remarkable phenomenon, if we stop to think of it. For the etheric waves to do travel saugly around and over the earth, but a very considerable distance above it, as any airplane or dirigible with radio receiving instruments on board can readily testify to. On the other hand, every terrestrial station has its "return circuit" grounded to the earth for better results. Thus while the Wales-Australia radio waves were speeding around the globe in all directions, they traveled as well through the entire breadth of the earth, a minimum distance of 7,912 miles.

But if the waves traveled 12,000 miles around the earth, they probably traveled just as high above it, and perhaps very much further. We already know from experience that atmospheric conditions are the bane of the radio operator. Ionization of the air and barometric, as well as electric disturbances of the atmosphere, often make radio communication. Experiments and our present-day knowledge of

physics, on the other hand, convince us that if there were no atmosphere at all, radio transmission would be not only infinitely better, but the distance covered with a certain amount of power, could be increased very considerably.

The outstanding feature of this globe-encircling wireless is, that the power used to accomplish the result is much less than was used years ago to send a message across the Atlantic. The answer is found in our modern radio receiving instruments, and their enormously increased sensitiveness. Electronic valve receptors, coupled to

a six-step amplifier for instance, amplify a given signal over one million times! It must be obvious that as receiving instruments become more and more sensitive from year to year, we require less and less power at the sending station. Just as the astronomer sees a hitherto invisible star, because of his more powerful telescope, so does the wireless range increase with a more sensitive receptor. The day is not far when we will be able to send a radio message around the world using only a few dry cells for the total power at the sending station.—Dallas News.

At the PICTORIUM THEATRE

TODAY—TUESDAY.

EARLE WILLIAMS

in

"THE MAN WHO WOULDN'T TELL."

Clean and entertaining picture in which Mr. Williams is at his best.

WEDNESDAY.

MADGE KENNEDY

supported by

JERE AUSTIN in "PERFECT LADY."

MADGE KENNEDY star dancer in "PERFECT LADY."

THURSDAY.

"A JAPANESE NIGHTINGALE"

with

FANNIE WARD.

"For East is East, and West is West, but sometimes the twain do meet"—with apologies to Kipling. Also Comedy.

COMING FRIDAY—CONSTANCE TALMADGE in "A PAIR OF SILK STOCKINGS."

COMING SATURDAY—MAE MURRAY in "MODERN LOVE."

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When buying the BEST hogs you had rather have the pick of the lot. That is why we say place your order NOW for a pig of the

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VERNON DUROC-JERSEY FARM
DANIEL BOND, Prop.

Life Was a Misery

Mrs. F. M. Jones, of Palmer, Okla., writes: "From the time I entered into womanhood . . . I looked with dread from one month to the next. I suffered with my back and bearing-down pain, until life to me was a misery. I would think I could not endure the pain any longer, and I gradually got worse. . . Nothing seemed to help me until, one day, . . . I decided to

TAKE

CARDUI The Woman's Tonic

"I took four bottles," Mrs. Jones goes on to say, "and was not only greatly relieved, but can truthfully say that I have not a pain. . .

"It has now been two years since I took Cardui, and I am still in good health. . . I would advise any woman or girl to use Cardui who is a sufferer from any female trouble."

If you suffer pain caused from womanly trouble, or if you feel the need of a good strengthening tonic to build up your run-down system, take the advice of Mrs. Jones. Try Cardui. It helped her. We believe it will help you.

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THE BIRDS FLY SOUTHWARD

to avoid the cold. And well before the coming of the snow, the thrifty squirrel lays by a store of nuts. The bee remembers that the flowers will fade. All nature seems to sense the coming need. And man, alone, of all the living thing, seems blissfully content to live today as if tomorrow's sun would never rise."

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LARGES SOLDIERS TO KEEP UP INSURANCE

FORMER SECRETARY McADOO TELLS MEN IT IS BEST INSURANCE EVER WRITTEN.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 14.—(By special correspondence.)—Former Secretary of the Treasury W. G. McAdoo has given out the following statement, urging officers and men who are being discharged from the army, as well as those still in service, to continue their insurance:

"Approximately four million officers and men of the army and navy are now insured with the United States Government for a grand total of almost thirty-seven billion dollars. You owe it to yourself and to your family to hold on to Uncle Sam's insurance. It is the strongest, safest, and cheapest life insurance ever written.

"For your protection Uncle Sam has established the greatest life insurance company in the world—a company as mighty, as generous, and as democratic as the United States Government itself. Just as Uncle Sam protected you and your loved ones during the war, so he stands ready to continue this protection through the days of readjustment and peace.

"The privilege of continuing your Government insurance is a valuable right given to you as part of the compensation for your heroic and triumphant services. If you permit the insurance to lapse, you lose that right, and you will never be able to regain it. If it you keep up your present insurance—by the regular payment of premiums—you will be able to change it into a standard Government policy without medical examination. Meanwhile you can keep up your present insurance at substantially the same low rate. The Government will write ordinary life insurance, twenty-payment life, endowment maturing at age 62, and other usual forms of insurance. This will be Government insurance—at Government rates.

"The United States Government—through the Bureau of War Risk Insurance of the Treasury Department—will safeguard you and your loved ones with the spirit and purpose of a Republic grateful to its gallant defenders. To avail yourself of this protection, you must keep up your present insurance. Carry back with you to civil life, as an aid and an asset, the continued insurance protection of the United States Government.

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DISCHARGES GIVEN 693,889 SOLDIERS

AMERICAN DEMOBILIZING HER TROOPS MORE THAN TWICE AS RAPIDLY AS ENGLAND.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Demobilization of the American army, General March, chief of staff, said today, is proceeding at a rate which comparative figures show to be more than twice as fast as the British demobilization. Actual figures up to January 10 of men discharged from the American army showed a total of 693,889.

British discharges to January 7 numbered 352,658. American officers to the number of 47,028 have been returned to civil life, while on January 7 the British had discharged only 3,038 officers.

American troops scheduled for demobilization now number 1,151,000, including 96,000 men who actually have returned from overseas, but not including units designated for return on their way home.

The official record announced by General March showing the location in Germany and France of the American divisions gives eleven divisions comprising the army of occupation.

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too, the weather conditions for the past three weeks has made it impossible for a large number of our out of town patrons to get to us, on account of the roads being impassable. Our stocks must be reduced and to quickly accomplish this end, we have substantially reduced the prices on our entire stock. True, some of our lines and sizes are broken—while in most instances—Will are not, we want our advertising to ring true—and to deliver the goods we need for March. We are not advertising a few baits and leaders, but have gone through the stock and cut till it hurts. Tell your friends about this sale, and be here you are **BE HERE OPENING DAY.**

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Farmers are coming to understand that farming is a business the same as banking or managing a store. There are products to be sold and goods to be bought. On his ability to determine the relation of outgo and income, depends largely the ultimate success of the farmers; and this will be true to a much larger degree in the future than heretofore. The farmer can determine these facts only by keeping books. Farmers are becoming better business men rapidly, and this is one step many progressive farmers will take during 1919—keeping books on their farm operations.

Hinds News.

Hinds, Jan. 10.—(Special Correspondence.)—Sunday was a very small attendance owing to the bad weather. There will be a school next Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. McMain. Every one is urged to attend. T. Q. Dyess is on the sick list at this writing, but is reported some better. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Duke were business visitors in Vernon Tuesday.

The Misses Karcher of Red Bluff visited Miss Lydia Hildebrandt Sunday. Earnest Chadwick, who has been ill at a training camp in Florida, received an honorable discharge and returned home Friday.

Ed Walker, who went to Burk Burnett last week to get a position, returned home Wednesday with an attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Allison visited Mrs. A. M. Hiatt of Vernon Wednesday.

Will May received a letter from his son, Earl, who is in France written December 10. Earl stated he was well and thought he would be home by spring.

Quite a number of the young folks of this community enjoyed a singing given at the home of John Chisholm Sunday night.

Kell Castleberry and family visited Clyde Muller Sunday.

Getting mail on Route 3 has almost become a thing of the past. It has been almost three weeks since Mr. Brady, our mail carrier, has made his trip.

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years moved Monday to one of J. F. White's farms in the White City community.

Mrs. B. E. Lee and daughters, Misses Vivian and May of Red Bluff, spent Tuesday with Mrs. Clyde Muller.

Robt. Caldwell, who has had a position in Burk Burnett the past several months, returned home Sunday.

Warren Galt's family, who have been living on the Foch place the past two years, moved Monday to a place in the White City community.

VERNON MAN SALES MANAGER.

J. M. Thomas Is Agency Director for Victor Refinery to Be Built at Burk Burnett.

J. M. Thomas went to Wichita Falls yesterday in the interest of the Victor Refining Company, of which he has been made sales manager and agency director. The company is capitalized at \$200,000, and will build a refinery at Burk Burnett.

Other officers of the Victor Refining Company are Jim Robinson, president; J. L. McCenick, vice president and superintendent; O. H. Foster, secretary; W. M. Frank, treasurer; and W. T. Carlton, attorney. All of these men live in Wichita Falls.

Many to Take Examination.

A great many have already signified their intention to take the examination for teachers to be given in the local high school building on the 24th and 25th of this month. County Superintendent Fulcher urges all who can to take advantage of the examination as it offers a splendid opportunity for teachers to build on their present certificate. The examination will be based on the books used heretofore.

Farmers Valley

Farmers Valley, Jan. 8.—(Special Correspondence.)—We are having some fine weather now. People are beginning to pull bolls and harvest again.

Bruce Norrell returned from a January 3rd from Oklahoma. He has been in a training camp since that time.

The young folks ended a social party at Mrs. J. M. Soper's Sunday night. There was a large attendance and all reported a most enjoyable time.

The influenza in this community is raging again. The city of Tulsa are all reported down with the malady.

Mrs. J. E. Covert has been very ill with influenza but is improving. The rest of the family have recovered.

The family of Dolf Dickson are all down with the influenza, but reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Ross received a letter from their son, Volle, written December 5th, at Trier, Germany. Mr. Ross writes he is still drifting but feels fine and hopes to be home in a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Moore received a letter a few days ago from their son, Odus, in France.

Miss Ella Locke left Friday for Newlin to attend school.

We have only had two weeks of school here this year on account of having no teacher, and also the influenza.

Mr. McAdams of Tolbert has moved to this community.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Frost received a letter from their son, Hiram, in France, written December 7th. He writes he is well and hopes to return home soon.

Mr. and Mrs. ... and children were shopping in Vernon Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Y. Payne have moved to Vernon from this community.

Leonard Bell was home last week on

a few day's furlough to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Bell.

Misses Edna and Lorene Rushing, Ruby Randel and Myrtle Love, Messrs. Ralph Randel, Lester Baker and Burnett Rea, all visited Nora Rose Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rea visited Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Randel Sunday.

Willie Brock has the influenza this week.

Mrs. Etta Randel was called to

Kirkland Monday to the bedside of her brother, who was very ill. We regret to state that he died later.

We pay cash for all the butter we can get from inspected cows and for eggs. Brown's Cash Grocery, 104-2tc

Dr. S. Ballard went to Iowa Park Sunday night on business, returning last night.

New Spring gingham large plaids, 32-inches wide. Crow Sisters. 1tc

W. C. Hawkins, J. D. Key, and Charles Woods, who lives east of Vernon, were in Burk Burnett Saturday.

"THE DEVIL'S AUCTION." CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH SUNDAY NIGHT.

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Big Unloading Sale

opened as advertised, Friday, the 10th. The house was filled with well pleased customers, resulting in a very satisfactory business. Saturday was a howling success. We went "Over the Top." Big green packages was seen going out in every direction, almost like bullets from a machine gun.

But this was not unexpected as we had spent two days putting tickets on every article in the house. (You don't find this at all the sales.) When tickets were placed, I saw to it personally, that everything had the sale price on it. The original prices are there. You can see just what you are saving.

Go Through Our Ladies Shoe Department, See the Great Saving to You

SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK

- ! Lot Ladies' Shoes, sizes 3 to 4, the pair \$.50
- ! Lot Ladies' Shoes, sizes 3 to 5, the pair \$1.85
- ! table of Ladies' Shoes that formerly sold from \$5.00 to \$8.00, choice, the pair \$4.95
- ! Lot of Ladies' Shoes, all new styles, that sold from \$7.00 to \$9.50, choice, the pair \$5.85
- Choice of any \$13.50 to \$15.00 Boots, now on sale \$11.85

Remember that everything in the house has a sale price ticket. Also has the original or former price. You can see at once just what you are saving. We are open for investigation. Come in and be convinced.

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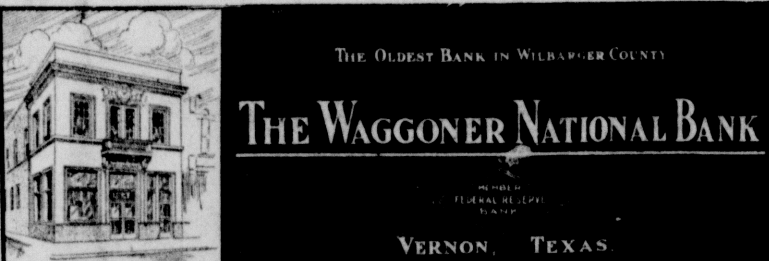
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FIREMAN NEEDED.

Vernon's volunteer fire department has a record of which the community is proud. In some cases the men have received scant thanks for risking life and limb to save the property of a fellow townsman.

The thanks we gladly tender the volunteer fire fighters is not employed an iota by the statement that Vernon needs a paid fireman. It is not necessary to employ an entire fire fighting company, who shall spend their time waiting for our homes to catch fire. Of course, such action is as impossible as it is unnecessary.

One man, however, spending his time at the fire station, could have the wagon in readiness when an alarm is turned in. The engine would be running by the time the volunteer firemen reach their post, and minutes saved every time there is a fire.

Frequently the saving of minutes means prevention of destruction of a building.

Approximately now, an alarm is turned and men of firemen make haste to Government hall, and it is then most thirty to start the engine.

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